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Action Day Learning Center in Orangevale on Kenneth Ave is celebrating the retirement of Miss Jan! She has worked for us for 18 years and has been an integral part of our program. Her love for the kids is apparent. She loves doing fun activities with the kids, and is famous for getting a butterfly kit each year and letting the kids watch the development and then letting the kids hold the butterflies and release them. She has worked with every age range from 2-12 years.

We are going to miss her so much, but are happy that she gets to retire and enjoy her garden. We will be having an Open House style party to wish her congratulations on Friday April 25th from 6-7. Past and Present families are welcome to stop by and wish her well!!



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**Valkyrie Theatre Company will return for their 3rd year to Orangevale Community Center with their summer theatre workshop Willy Wonka Kids.**



The 2 week workshop is run by local professional theatre practitioners and ends in a delicious production! Students of all levels are welcome and they will explore stagecraft, creating characters, musical theatre skills and collaboration while building confidence and learning how to express themselves through live performance.

"The workshop is great fun" expresses Alison Gilbreath, The Artistic Director of Valkyrie Theatre Company. "The children love working towards the performance and seeing it all come together. We do 2 performances at the end of our workshop and each night brings in about 150 - 200 audience members. They have such a wonderful time showing all their hard work to the community and it really is a meaningful

experience for them."

Alison adds that this year is the first time that they are doing the workshop for 7yr - 12 yr olds. "We usually do 8 yrs - 18 yrs old, but this year we have the opportunity to do a workshop with the older students at the new Fair Oaks Performing Arts Center which allows us to focus on our younger performers and give them more opportunity in the casting of the roles"

The dates of the workshop are June 16th - 27th June, Mon to Fri 9am to 2pm  
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# ROADS MUST BE PRIORITY



## FIXING SACRAMENTO COUNTY ROADS MUST BE A PRIORITY

By Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez

Since taking office in January, I've had countless conversations with residents across Sacramento County who are fed up with the condition of our roads—and I don't blame them. From crumbling pavement to massive potholes, our infrastructure is showing its age. This is not just an inconvenience. It's a safety issue, and one that I am committed to addressing head-on.

The scale of the problem is significant. Our current deferred maintenance backlog for county roads is nearly \$1.4 billion, and that number continues to grow each year we fail to act. To put it into perspective, Sacramento County's average pavement condition score sits at a dismal 41 out of 100. We currently invest about \$30 million annually in road repairs, but experts say we need at least \$60 million per year just to keep the problem from getting worse.

Importantly, Sacramento County is the only jurisdiction in the region that contributes General Fund dollars toward fixing roads. In the current budget, that contribution is \$20 million, with the remaining \$10 million coming from other sources like state and federal transportation funds. That General Fund investment shows how seriously we take this issue—but even with it, we're still playing catch-up.

Some have suggested a new lo-

cal tax measure to address the shortfall, but I'm approaching that idea with caution. Time and again, we've seen these measures fail at the ballot box, and with good reason. Instead of focusing squarely on repairing our roads, past proposals have spread funding across a wide array of projects like bike lanes and public transit. While I absolutely believe those components have their place in a healthy transportation network, they don't reflect what the majority of residents are asking for right now. When voters are told they're paying to fix roads, the money needs to go to fixing roads—not to projects policymakers think the public should want.

In the meantime, I want residents to know that we are taking immediate action where we can. Potholes reported to the County are typically filled within days—sometimes sooner. If you see one, I encourage you to call 311, or reach out to my office directly. We'll make sure the right crew gets dispatched quickly. It might not solve our long-term challenges, but it does make a difference in the day-to-day lives of our residents.

The reality is that we didn't get into this situation overnight, and we won't get out of it overnight either. But make no mistake—this is one of my top priorities. I will continue to push for smarter, more effective investments in our infrastructure, and I'll make sure your voices are heard as we shape the future of transportation in Sacramento County.

We all want safe, smooth, and reliable roads. With the right focus and the political will to follow through, I believe we can get there.

If you'd like to share your thoughts or concerns with me, you can always reach my office at 916-874-5491 or email me at [SupervisorRodriguez@saccounty.gov](mailto:SupervisorRodriguez@saccounty.gov).



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### Leading as a resident: Local Boards and Commissions

(Orangevale/Fair Oaks) Leadership in your community doesn't start with a title—it starts with showing up. Be it county, school or special district, you can step directly into local leadership by applying to serve on public boards and commissions—or simply by showing up and commenting at their meetings.

Public boards and commissions help shape local policy, review projects and advise elected officials. From zoning to education, public health to neighborhood planning, these advisory bodies provide residents a direct way to influence decisions that guide their community's future. Often, the only requirement is showing up and being a resident.

"Communities are stronger when their leaders are connected" has become my favorite borrowed phrase. And communities are mighty when residents are connected to their leaders.

"Boards and commissions have existed for years, and they cover a range of issues—literally from birth to death," said Vanessa McCarthy-Olmstead, chief of staff to Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond. "From First 5 services to Cemetery Districts, there should be something that appeals to everyone."

Each commission typically advises elected officials or county departments. Members weigh in on issues, share expertise, review proposals, and elevate public concerns. "They're your neighbors," McCarthy-Olmstead said. "They understand how proposals impact the community and how neighbors feel. They volunteer because they

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## HISTORY PROJECT

### Orangevale Fire Department 1959 – Present

By Peggy Ginther

In the last issue of the Orangevale View we covered the fire department history through 1955. This article looks at the changes in the last 65 years. The department currently provides outstanding service to our community.

1959 – A \$520 resuscitator was added to emergency equipment housed permanently at the Orangevale Fire Station. It was a gift from the Orangevale Lions Club purchased from funds raised during a motorcycle race.

March 1964 - The Citrus Height Fire District commissioners were considering two new fire stations for the Orangevale area. One station ended up being built at Hickory Avenue and was later moved to Greenback Lane, which is still used today as Station 29 (8681 Greenback Lane). Another was built at Chestnut Avenue and remains used today as Station 22 (6248 Chestnut Avenue). Upon completing this station, the one at Greenback and Pecan was closed.

June 1978 - The station on

Main Avenue near Mississippi Bar opened as part of the Fair Oaks Fire District (Station 3 and later renumbered to 33) to primarily service the Rollingwood area, but due to budget issues, it was closed in 2009. For a brief period in 2012, the station was operated by the Bureau of Land Management to house and train military veterans in firefighting techniques. They focused primarily on wildland fire suppression and fuels management.

December 1979 - An arsonist sweeps through Orangevale, including Redeemer Covenant, First United Methodist, Christ the King Lutheran churches and Green Oaks Elementary School. No injuries, but the fires did cause combined damage estimated at \$400,000. A reward of \$3,000 was pledged for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

June 1989 - Citrus Heights Fire District merged with North Highlands, followed by Rancho Cordova, to streamline operations and allow revenue to be redistributed within the new, larger district, which would be known as Sacramento County Fire Protection District. Orangevale's two fire stations (22 and 29) were included in the consolidation. The new name on a

fire station might read Sacramento Fire Protection District Orangevale Station No. 22. The new district would include 17 stations serving a 130-square-mile area with a population of 275,000. The district would be able to redirect funds to allow for the upgrading of staff levels, bringing most firefighters to full-time status. Other priorities included equipment repairs, new fire stations in Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova, and a planned new station on Kenneth Avenue and Greenback Lane in Fair Oaks.

January - December 2000 - The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District is established by reorganization of the two largest fire districts. First, a series of mergers dating back to 1945 started with the Citrus Heights Fire Protection District and Orangevale Volunteer Fire Department merging. In 1984, North Highlands was merged in, and five years later, Rancho Cordova joined the group, which grew to the size of 275.5 square miles. Fair Oaks Fire District was added in 1993.

The second of the Sacramento County Districts, which were absorbed by the American River Fire District in earlier mergers, included the Arden, Carmichael, Arcade, Rio Linda-Elverta Sloughhouse, and Florin districts. The new Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District would serve a population of 596,257 people and cover 417 square miles. In all, 16 districts (662 full-time employees) would be consolidated into one to serve more than one-third of the Sacramento County area. When an emergency call is made, a crew from either district could respond, depending on the location.

2005 – Station 29 is proposed to be moved from 6314

Hickory to 8681 Greenback Lane where a new building could be 10 times larger, accommodate modern fire equipment, and address the privacy needs of women firefighters. The Orangevale station on Hickory Avenue was originally designed as a single-family home and had three bedrooms and one back-in garage that could only accommodate one 1978 Seagrave pumper, which was difficult to maintain. In addition, it did not meet seismic safety standards or current building codes.

The estimated cost to complete a new 13,000-square-foot Orangevale station was \$6.5 million and would cover about 5 acres. The new station would have dormitories to accommodate 10 staff members, an emergency power generator, three drive-through bays to hold several pieces of firefighting equipment, a medical unit, and special equipment to fight grass fires.

Back in 1935, as told in our first segment, an S.O.C. (Save Our Cow) rescue was made by the Orangevale volunteer fire department to get a cow that was wedged in the crotch of a tree out. Then 80 years later, in 2015, Sac Metro Firefighters rescued a horse that got stuck in a bathtub. Phantom, the 30-year-old horse, was dancing around her stall protecting her food trough (bathtub) when she suddenly fell in and was stuck with her feet in the air for about 25 minutes. Between firefighters and the owner's family, they were able to prop the bathtub on its side and pull Phantom forward onto her feet. Phantom, a Palomino/Appaloosa mix, was not injured.

While no changes to fire stations within Orangevale have been made since 2005, rest assured that the service

of our local firefighters is the best. Whenever the opportunity arises, I hope you will join me in thanking them for their service.

I want to thank Captain Randy Wootton, Historian for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, for his insight and help confirming and correcting my research, where needed. Lastly, if you want to discover more about your fire department, you can visit their website: <https://www.sacfiremuseum.org/>, check out their Facebook page (Sacramento Regional Fire Museum), and even plan a visit to their museum in West Sacramento.

The Orangevale History Project is looking for people to join in preserving and sharing Orangevale History. Come to the History Museum at 6920 Hazel Ave, which is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 pm to 4 pm or call 916 800-4711. The next monthly meeting is Wednesday, May 7th in the Orangevale Library at 6pm. The presentation is "When Orangevale Was Beachfront Property."

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## WHAT'S IN STORE?

This three-day extravaganza will feature thrilling rides on the midway provided by Butler Amusement, a vibrant vendor marketplace showcasing local crafts, products, and mouthwatering food, along with live demonstrations to spark inspiration and curiosity.

## AFFORDABLE FUN FOR ALL

Summer Palooza is packed with entertainment, great food, and special activities for the entire family. Entry fees remain incredibly budget-friendly: Kids under 5: Free -Youth and Seniors: \$3 - Adults: \$4

## FRIDAY KICK-OFF

Starting at 4 PM\*, gates open to welcome guests for an evening of music and community connections. Get ready to groove with Austin Mo and his band, and reminisce with the electrifying sounds of Big Machine, delivering classic hits from the 80s.

## SATURDAY FESTIVITIES

Saturday begins at 9 AM with the highly anticipated Annual Red, White, and Blue Parade, sponsored by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. Parade-goers will marvel at the patriotic floats, clubs, and businesses proudly showing off their spirit along Main Avenue and Greenback Lane.

The gates open at 2 PM for a full day of music and activities. The evening concert lineup, sponsored by L&M Liquor and Deli, promises an unforgettable experience:

Guilty as Charge kicks things off with local talent. Followed by TG (Tony Garcia) and the Hired Guns, bringing country music vibes. Wrapping up the night is the nationally acclaimed The North Forty Band, blending southern rock influences with their distinctive sound. You'll be treated to music inspired by legends like Lynyrd Skynyrd, Alabama, and Chris Stapleton.

## SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

On Sunday, starting at 2 PM, celebrate with KANDIA Live, an award-winning Latin urban performer known for his energetic, multi-genre performances. With over 2,000 live shows under his belt and collaborations with international stars, Kandia will bring unmatched flair to the festival. His set will be followed by Novë7, a Spanish rock band, ensuring the weekend ends on a high note.

Supporting the Community  
Summer Palooza isn't just about having fun; it's

about giving back to the community. Proceeds from the event benefit local businesses, non-profits, youth organizations, and school groups. Volunteers from these groups pitch in across various areas like parking, recycling, and clean-up efforts to earn donations and funding for their causes.

## GET INVOLVED!

Interested in being part of the action? Summer Palooza is offering Sponsorship Opportunities and vendor applications for crafters and exhibitors. Visit [www.ovsummerpalooza.com](http://www.ovsummerpalooza.com) for details, or reach out via email at [Lisa@alleventsplus.net](mailto:Lisa@alleventsplus.net). Keep an eye on the website for updates and changes to the entertainment lineup and attractions.







I can't believe that my husband, Don, keeps finding new recipes for the Instant Pot. This is one of my new favorites! Serve it as a main dish with some rice or potatoes and a veggie. For leftovers you can use it for a salad or make burritos with it!

If you would like to share a favorite recipe, please send a copy to Suzanne Feblowitz at the Orangevale View (editor@ov-view.com). Be sure to include your phone number or email with your recipe in case we need to contact you. If you wish to remain anonymous, just let us know and we will omit your name.

#### DON'S EASY THIGHS

1.5 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs- approx. 6 thighs  
1 tsp dried oregano  
1 tsp paprika  
1 tsp garlic powder  
½ tsp onion powder  
½ tsp coarse Kosher salt  
¼ tsp black pepper  
1 TBSP olive oil

1. In a small bowl, combine the spices. Rub this mixture over all sides of the thighs.

2. Pour the olive oil into the instant pot inner pot and press the "sauté" button to turn on sauté mode. Once the oil is hot, spread it over the bottom of the pot. Carefully place the seasoned chicken thighs in the pot. Cook about 4 minutes per side, until

both sides are browned. Remove chicken to a clean plate.

3. Turn off the Instant Pot and pour 1 cup of water in the inner pot. Use a spoon to scrape up any browned bits on the bottom of the pot. This will ensure that you do not get a "burn warning" during the pressure-cooking process.

4. Place the metal trivet in the Instant Pot. Put the thighs on top of the trivet.  
5. Close the Instant Pot lid and turn on the steam release valve to the sealing position.

6. Press the Manual/Pressure Cook button and cook on high pressure for 8 minutes. The Instant Pot will take about 5 minutes to reach pressure and the cook time will begin counting down. When the Pot beeps a few times to let you know that the cooking time has finished, allow the pressure to release naturally for 5 minutes (just leave the Pot alone.)

7. Then carefully turn the steam release valve to the venting position to release any remaining pressure. When the float valve drops down, carefully open the Instant Pot lid. Using an instant read thermometer, check that the chicken has reached 165 degrees.

8. Serve with rice or potatoes and a veggie. Enjoy. Save the leftovers for salad or burritos!

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care deeply about their community." Get Involved, One Step at a Time The easiest way to start is by attending a public meeting. Most local legislative bodies, including boards and commissions, are open to the public under California's Ralph M. Brown Act. Agendas must be posted in advance and include public comment. Many meetings are also livestreamed or archived online. Ideas and concerns can be shared directly with commission members or during public comment—even if not on the agenda. Speakers are often referred to the appropriate department for follow-up or may have their item agendaized for future discussion.

Those passionate about a board's work can get directly involved—Sacramento County lists over 80 appointed boards and commissions, with vacancies and application details available online. Serving on a public board or commission not only gives residents a voice, but also builds leadership experience, strengthens community ties, and fosters a deeper understanding of how local government works.

"We want people to feel welcomed, not overwhelmed," said Matt Hedges, chief of staff to Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez. "To get passionate people involved with what they care about most."

Hedges encourages interested residents to call the office of the commission or agency they're interested in. "We try to make it easy. Our staff can discuss your interests and help match you with the right opportunity."

The School Connection

Local school districts also offer advisory roles. San Juan Unified, for example, has five standing committees open to parents and community members, including facilities, bond oversight, curriculum and instruction, special education, and the Local Control and Accountability Plan

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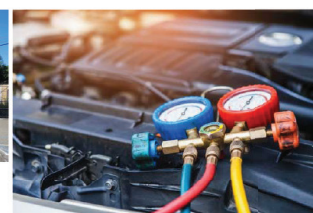
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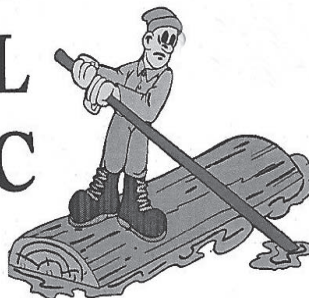
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Orangevale Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight:

## Creative Spirit Learning Center

By MaryAnne Povey

The Orangevale Chamber of Commerce along with the Fair Oaks Chamber proudly celebrated the grand opening of Creative Spirit Learning Center's second location in Fair Oaks with a well attended ribbon-cutting ceremony. This expansion underscores the center's commitment to fostering child-led, play-based learning in the community.

Founded by longtime friends and educators Nicole Brann and Aubrey Budelli, Creative Spirit Learning Center has been a cornerstone of early childhood education since its inception in 2016. Their philosophy centers on the belief that play is the work of childhood, creating environments where children feel valued and inspired to explore.

The new location, affectionately termed the "little" school, is situated just down the street from the original "big" school. Both campuses operate on the same schedule, providing consistency for families. Notably, the new site accommodates children in diapers and those still mastering potty training, ensuring inclusivity for younger learners.

The ribbon-cutting event was graced by local officials, including representatives from Assemblymember Josh Hoover's office, Senator Roger Niello's office, and Supervisor Rich Desmond's office. Each presented proclamations, acknowledging the center's significant contribution to early childhood education and its positive impact on the Fair Oaks and Orangevale communities.

Attendees were treated to tours of the new location, which blend indoor and outdoor spaces to encourage exploration and creativity. The center's curriculum is guided by children's interests, with teachers crafting develop-

mentally appropriate activities that promote social-emotional growth, independence, and a lifelong love of learning.

"Our goal has always been to create a nurturing environment where children feel seen, supported, and free to be themselves," shared co-founder Nicole Brann. "Expanding our reach means more opportunities to instill confidence and curiosity in young minds."

The Orangevale Chamber of Commerce commends Creative Spirit Learning Center for its unwavering dedication to enriching early education. Their expansion is a testament to the community's trust and the center's exemplary approach to child development.

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On April 1, it came down to the wire as our Rams grabbed the victory in walk-off fashion, 6-5. Our Rams were down 5-4 in

the bottom of the 7th when Gigi Giannini singled, scoring 2 runs.

Our Rams opened the scoring in the bottom of the 2nd thanks to 2 singles. Jayla Stuart singled, scoring 1 run. Our Rams committed an error, which helped Rio Linda Knights tie the game 2-2 in the top of the 3rd.

A solo home run to center

field by Zaria Gee gave our Rams the lead, 3-2, in the bottom of the 3rd. Gee collected 3 hits in 4 at bats in the win. Gee hit a solo home run to center field in the 3rd, doubled in the 5th, and singled in the 7th.

Rio Linda took the lead in the top of the 6th, 5-3.

Our Rams made the score 6-5 in the bottom of the 7th after Alyssa Godwin drew a walk, scoring 1 run, and Giannini singled, scoring 2 runs.

Godwin led things off in the circle for our Rams. The pitcher gave up 8 hits and 5 runs (3 earned) over 6 innings, striking out none and walking 4. Relief pitcher Autumn Imus threw 1 inning of no-run ball. The hurler allowed zero hits, striking out none and walking none.

Our Rams accumulated 11 hits in the game. Giannini drove the middle of the lineup, leading our Rams with 2 runs batted in. The outfielder went 1-for-4 on the day. Lilly Leslie and Lizzy Seidel each collected multiple hits.



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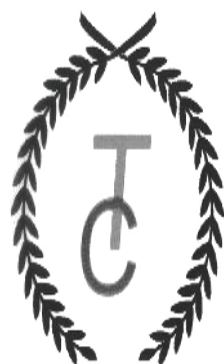
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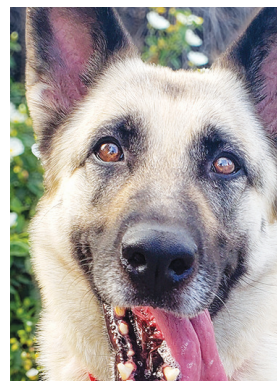


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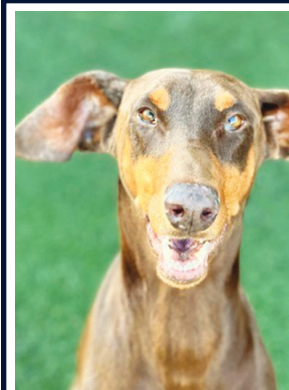
## PETACULAR



Soju (A879431) – A 3-year-old Alaskan Husky. Friendly, food-motivated, and playful in doggy playgroups. Loves affection and has an adorable “splot.” [24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A878563](https://24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A878563)



Chowder (A807155) – An 11-year-old brindle Pit Bull Terrier. Mellow and loving senior who enjoys car rides, plush toys, and gentle strolls. Great with people and other dogs. [24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A807155](https://24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A807155)



Name: Trixie  
Animal ID: 57944987  
Breed: Doberman  
Gender: Spayed Female  
Age: 5 years  
Adoption Fee: Sponsored!!

Trixie is a 5 year old dog who weighs 56 pounds. Like any good Dobie, she loves a good play, a good lean and a good chat! She has lived with dogs, cats and kids before which makes her a shelter dog unicorn who would do well in most homes!

Trixie has been sponsored in loving memory of Margo and Fritz. That means she is free to adopt!

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I have a history of living with cats, so may do well with a slow introduction.

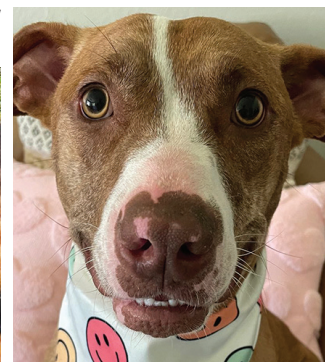
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If you are interested in this specific animal, please come to the shelter for walk-in adoptions Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30am to 5:30pm. We recommend coming in as early as possible, as adoptions are first-come, first-served.

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Little Man (A880516) – A 1-year-old Miniature Pinscher mix. Small, cuddly, and full of personality. Loves laps, attention, and being your shadow. [24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A880562](https://24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A880562)



Milo (A875647) – A 1-year-old Pit Bull Terrier. Sweet and chill with great manners. Enjoys walks, car rides, and snuggles. Good with other dogs and a total lovebug. [24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A875647](https://24petconnect.com/SacramentoCountyAdoptablePets/Details/SACC/A875647)

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With The Grove, our goal is to bring fresh energy, updated living spaces, and a renewed sense of pride to this beloved Orangevale neighborhood. We manage every detail with care—because we don't just invest in buildings, we invest in people.

As new availability opens up at The Grove, we invite you to discover what makes this community special. Refer below to our featured ad to learn more about current listings and how you can make The Grove your next home.

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Time: No-host Saloon at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Music at 7:00 pm!

There will be drawings for prizes throughout the evening!

Donations are \$40 per person (Limited # of tickets).

Donations are to support our local Veterans and Community programs.

TIME TO GET YOUR COUNTRY ON (no spurs on boots) and have a finger licking good time!!! For tickets, visit the VFW Hall, or for reservations, call our AL 383 Commander, Don Lemmon at (916) 825-2977 & leave a message.

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# LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMS

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## HOURS

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## KIDS

Family Storytime Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Jane Wise Community Room Families with young children (0-5) are invited to join us for songs, rhymes, and stories designed to build early literacy skills. Older siblings are welcome to attend. After the Storytime we will put out toys and activities for a stay and play session where children can play and communicate with each other.

Family Art Lab Saturday, April 26, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room We bring the art supplies, you bring the creativity! Families, kids and teens are welcome to join us as the library puts out a variety of art supplies and let everyone make whatever art they want! Paints, modelling clay, markers, air brushing, and more are available for us to make pictures, sculptures, and mixed media projects!

Minecraft Gaming Thursday, May 1, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Enjoy this computer game filled with mining, crafting and exploring! Play with new friends on our own library server at the Orangevale Library! We will do two 45-minute shifts if there are more participant than PC laptops.

This program is for students aged 6 - 17; registration is encouraged at [www.saclibrary.org/events](http://www.saclibrary.org/events)

Read to a Dog Friday, May 9, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Kids are invited to practice their skills by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog (and their handler). Attendees may bring a book to read or choose one at the Library.

STEAM - LEGO® Robotics Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Led by a team of student instructors, kids ages 9 to 14 will work in groups to create and program a robot and learn STEAM skills with this fun, hands-on project.

## TEENS

Teen Space Thursday, May 8, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 22, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meet other teens, and hang out in a space dedicated to you.

## ADULTS

Genealogy: Getting To Know You Saturday, May 3, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Do you need help researching your family history? Learn the basics, try new resources, and share discoveries with a group of Time Detectives. There's always something new to learn on a genealogy adventure! This program is for adults.

Genealogy: Book a Genealogist Saturday, May 3, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Need help with your family history? Not sure how to begin? Want to know where to look next? Root Cellar volunteers are ready to help you discover your roots! Free individual 30-minute help sessions are available at the Orangevale Library. Reserve your session online at [www.saclibrary.org/events](http://www.saclibrary.org/events)

Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Use your imagination and all kinds of mixed media to create a free-style art journal. Both inexperienced and lack of talent are

welcome! The Friends of the Orangevale Library have graciously provided art journals and supplies to create a place for creativity to unfold. Please note, supplies are limited so feel free to bring your own too.

Orangevale Adult Book Group - The Great Believers Saturday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us in-person for a lively and engaging discussion and make new friends! This month we will be reading The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai. Starting one month before the meeting you can pick up a copy of the book from the front desk of the Orangevale Library or check our library catalog for available copies of the books and ebooks.

## Highlighted

Highlighted is a discount price;  
it's highlighted in yellow.  
For those who might ask why or reply with a "Yeah; so?":  
A different color could have been used (like green or pink),  
yet that yellow can brightly echo  
and can make one think:  
Within the word yellow  
is the sound that is low  
(emphasizing a low price for folks to know  
and for those who'd like to save  
their dollars and cents).  
A discount price in yellow  
totally makes sense...

Yellow being one of the colors of spring (during April) and Financial Literacy Month  
(known as April)  
remind me of these thoughts  
(in this poem: they're its staple).

While the following is a message I've shared before, it relates to this poem (so I share it once more):  
If you question, think deeper,  
listen, or search,  
perhaps you may learn  
how or why something works...

-Z.F. Thrimej



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